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Dear Parents and Carers,

Just a short newsletter this week to welcome everyone back to school and to wish you all a very Happy New Year! I hope that you had a lovely Christmas holiday with your families; I have enjoyed hearing about all your festivities from the children this week.

Our value this term is 'Hope'

This term, we will be thinking about our hopes for 2024 and beyond. I am always encouraged by this Bible verse from Hebrews, chapter 6:

'So we who have found safety with God are greatly encouraged to hold firmly to the hope placed before us. We have this hope as an anchor for our lives. It is safe and sure.'

When there is so much uncertainty and conflict in the world at the moment, Christians believe that God loves us and can be trusted to be like an anchor, keeping us safe and secure when any storms come, and that can give us all hope for the future.

Inspirational Athlete visit on Tuesday 30th January

On Tuesday 30th January, we will be holding a Sports for Schools event which involves every pupil taking part in a sponsored fitness challenge in the hall, followed by an inspirational assembly led by an international Team GB athlete who will have competed in the Olympics, Paralympics, Commonwealth Games or possibly the Invictus Games.



The aim of the day is to raise money for sports equipment at Wantage CE as well as to cover the cost of the athlete, and to inspire everyone to take part in sport and to lead more healthy and active lives.

We will be launching the event next Tuesday 16th with an introductory assembly and we will be sending sponsor forms home later next week.



Tickets are now available for the Oxfordshire Schools Dance Festival

Mrs Brew has asked me to make parents aware that tickets are now available for the Dance Festival which our Monday dance club dancers will be dancing at in February. If you would like to book these tickets now, please follow the link below, a letter with more details will be coming out for parents next week.

<https://www.atgtickets.com/shows/oxfordshire-schools-dance-festival/new-theatre-oxford/>



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Last call for Reception class applications

The deadline for applying for a school place for our Reception classes is this **Monday 15th January**. As I wrote in the December newsletter, we would love to be full in both our amazing reception classes, so if you know anyone who has children starting school this September, please say how wonderful we are to them.

CAMHS Parent Webinars

Please see below details of CAMHS parent webinars. These were launched last October and they have been really positively received. They have now set the webinar series from January to July 2024 and invite parents to access the website to self-register for any of the webinars they wish to attend.

www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/camhs/oxon/sir/webinars

I hope that you have a lovely weekend. We seem to have avoided any serious snow so far and it looks like it will be mainly cold with a just hint of sleet/snow next week. Please make sure that everyone comes to school wrapped up warm for this wintry weather so that we can all enjoy playtimes outside.

Yours sincerely,

Andy Browne
Headteacher

PARENT WEBINAR

Parents are the most important part of young people's lives and hold the key to helping them. Let us help you, to help them.

CAMHS
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS SESSIONS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

SUBJECTS INCLUDE

- TEEN ANXIETY
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- LOW MOOD
- HOW TO TALK TO YOUR DISTRESSED CHILD

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